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I believe that Microsoft's market dominance will only continue to grow unless it is split the way the original trial judge determined it should be. The many applications brought to market by for Windows by Microsoft itself is a huge influence to run the windows operating system. Splitting the company would remove the barrier to develop only for windows, and would encourage Macintosh / Linux development.

Second, any donations of computers to schools should be the new iMacs ( Microsoft Office). I think this would help stimulate the growth of other operating systems, while still providing an alternative for the student. These computers should be distributed to each of the levels of schools ( elementary, middle school, high school, and university.)

I've spent a great deal of time in my life following the events of this company. I believe that the tactics that it has exhibited have stifled an industry. It has used its leverage from the operating system to dominate markets which it had never been involved in to begin with. Internet Explorer is an excellent example of this.

I would hate to see such brutal market tactics go unpunished. Splitting up the company, and ordering the ports of all the Microsoft applications to 2 other platforms ( Mac, and a distributioin of Linux ) would be ideal.

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